

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Kazuhide HASEBE, et al.  
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For : METHOD FOR CLEANING HEAT  
TREATMENT APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH**  
**A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a check for the sum of \$790, in payment of the RCE fee.